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DON eBusiness Operations Office Receives "Excellence.Gov" Award

The DON eBusiness Operations Office was presented with an "Excellence.Gov" award for innovative excellence in Pilot Project Management during the Web-Enabled Government conference held in the Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, D.C. on February 12, 2003.

Sponsored by the Industry Advisory Council's eGov Shared Interest Group in partnership with E-Gov and the Federal CIO Council, the award recognizes government programs that have demonstrated excellence in E-Government innovation. The eBusiness Operations Office was one of five award winners and was recognized for its role in the development of the Navy's Auto-READ and Medical Appointing projects.

The Auto-READ pilot project, submitted by the Naval Air Systems Command, automates the collection, analysis, and reporting of flight-critical Planned Maintenance System measurement data for arresting gear systems on aircraft carriers. The eBusiness Office provided the funding and program management oversight that allowed this application to be created and tested on board USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The Auto-READ pilot project is in the process of being implemented throughout the fleet.

The Medical Appointing pilot project, submitted by Balboa Naval Hospital, is an automated appointment-scheduling tool that allows for follow on specialty appointments to be made at the time of the initial visit to the primary care provider. This ensures times are convenient for both the patient and healthcare provider resulting in fewer missed appointments. This project is currently being implemented across the military's health system.

"Through successful piloting efforts innovative ideas can emerge at the deckplate level and evolve into Navy-wide solutions that meet genuine business challenges," said Karen E. Meloy, assistant deputy commander, eBusiness Operations office. "This award is a significant achievement for the eBusiness Office, and emphasizes that we are committed to making a difference."

In 2002, the DON eBusiness Operations Office received Excellence.Gov awards for the Deployment Logistics Program, GATORLink, Medical Appointing pilot programs, and for its consulting and research efforts in Knowledge Management.

The DON eBusiness Operations Office, located at the Naval Support Activity in Mechanicsburg, Pa., provides opportunity for Navy and Marine Corps e-business concepts become realities. Pilot submissions are evaluated continuously from Navy and Marine Corps commands, with the opportunity to have a submission selected for funding on an ongoing basis. Ideas for pilot projects may be submitted to <http://www.don-ebusiness.navsup.navy.mil>. If you are interested in setting up an appointment with a representative from the DON eBusiness Operations Office, please contact the office via email, pilot_projects@navsup.navy.mil, or phone, 717-605-9405, DSN 430-9405.